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SUBJ: TRIESTE AUTHORITIES CONDEMN ALMIRANTE SPEECH

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1. STATEMENTS IN APRIL 18 SPEECH BY MSI NATIONAL SECRETARY ALMIRANTE ON SLOVENIAN MINORITY FOCAL POINT OF TRIESTE CITY COUNCIL SESSION APRIL 26. SESSION OPENED WITH STATEMENT BY TRIESTE MAYOR SPACCINI WHO EXPRESSED QTE FIRMEST CONDEMNATION OF OFFENSIVE, UNDEMOCRATIC AND PROVOCATORY CONTENT OF SPEECH OF ALMIRANTE, WHO USED EXPRESSIONS REGARDING SLOVENE MINORITY CHARACTERIZED BY CHAUVINISM AND PURE RACISM, AND WHICH, IN THEIR INCITEMENT TO HATRED, DIFFER FUNDAMENTALLY FROM RESPECT DUE TO BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND DICTATES OF ITALIAN CONSTITUTION UNQTE. SPACCINI ALSO DENOUNCED ALMIRANTE S DEROGATORY REFERENCES TO YUGOSLAVIA.

2. IN ENSUING DEBATE SPOKESMEN FOR ALL CENTER-LEFT PARTIES AND PCI EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH MAYOR S STATEMENT. MSI SPOKESMAN DENIED THAT ALMIRANTE HAD IN FACT SPOKEN CERTAIN PHRASES ATTRIBUTED TO HIM AND EXPRESSED REGRET THAT MAYOR HAD NOT ACCEPTED OFFER TO LISTEN TO TAPE RECORDING OF SPEECH. PSI AND PSDI SPOKESMEN REPLIED THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE HAD HEARD ALMIRANTE S REMARKS. DEBATE AT TIMES BECAME HEATED WITH FREQUENT INTERRUPTIONS. AT ONE POINT MSI REPRESENTATIVE
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INTERRUPTED DC PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, STATING THAT ALMIRANTE S

WARNING OF QTE TITOIST UNQTE INFILTRATION IN TRIESTE DIRECTED
AT CURRENT DC LEADERSHIP, NOT AT SLOVENE COMMUNITY.
3. ALMIRANTE S REMARKS ALSO DENOUNCED AT APRIL 24 SESSION OF
FRIULI VENEZIA-GIULIA REGIONAL COUNCIL. COUNCIL PRESIDENT
BERZANTI USED OCCASION TO QTE SOLEMNLY RECONFIRM REGION S
OBLIGATION TO SAFEGUARD AND REINFORCE CONDITIONS OF CIVIL
COEXISTENCE NOW EXISTING, TO STRIVE FOR FULL RECOGNITION OF
RIGHTS OF CITIZENS OF SLOVENIAN ORIGIN. TO CONTRIBUTE TO
CLIMATE OF PEACE AND COLLABORATION ON OUR BORDERS, OPPOSING
ALL ATTEMPTS AT AGITATION AND HOPING THAT PRESENT DIFFICULTIES
IN ITALO-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS WILL BE OVERCOME ON BASIS OF POSITIVE
UNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES UNQTE. SIMILAR
STATEMENT MADE BY REGIONAL GIUNTA PRESIDENT COMELLI.RACKMALES

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